

BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
August 28, 2007 MINUTES

On Tuesday, August 28, 2007, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 9:45 a.m. with Commissioners David Schulz, Marilyn Ross, and Jim Hart present. Chairman Schulz welcomed Marilyn Ross to her new position as the new District 2 Commissioner for Madison County.

Jim Hart moved to approve the August 21, 2007, minutes with corrections. David Schulz seconded the motion. David Schulz and Jim Hart voted aye. Marilyn Ross abstained from voting as she was not in attendance at that meeting. The motion carried on a majority vote.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Marilee Tucker, Dave Schenk, Peggy Kaatz, Kathleen Mumme, Sheri Jarvis, Roger Staley, Stephanie Kruer, Pat Goggins, Bob Goggins, Gaither Stewart, and Nancy Stewart.

Planning Office Transition: Marilee Tucker, Planning Office Clerk, met with the Board to discuss the transition in the Planning Office. Topics of discussion were the acceptance from Charity Fechter as the new Planning Director; Letter of Credit expiration dates, and how long Donna should expect to continue part time hours in the Planning Office.

Planning Office Resolution: Marilyn Ross moved to adopt Resolution 22-2007, a resolution amending resolution 16-2007 which limits development review activities for an interim period. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Mayflower Bridge: Dave Schenk, Sheriff, met with the Board to discuss the need to pursue the problem of parked vehicles and swimmers obstructing traffic on the Mayflower Bridge. Because the bridge is in both Madison and Jefferson Counties, the Board will contact the Jefferson County Commissioners to discuss signage for the bridge.

Speed Zone in Ennis: Dave Schenk, Sheriff, presented the Board with a draft letter to the Department of Transportation expressing concerns from local citizens and business owners regarding speed limits in Ennis. The Sheriff recommended that the Board request that the speed limit be reduced from 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour on Highway 287 as it passes several businesses, the hospital, and the nursing home.

Pay Increase for Election Administrator and Deputies: Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder, and Kathleen Mumme, Deputy Clerk and Recorder, met with the Board to request an increase in the compensation given to Peggy for Election Administrator duties; and to request that she be allowed to appoint Lana Atkins as a deputy and reclassify Kathleen Mumme as Chief Deputy, with an increase in wages. Peggy stated that in other counties Clerk and Recorders are either receiving the full amount of compensation allowed by law or none at all. Kathleen stated that she feels Peggy is entitled to the full amount because of the increase in work load due to elections. Marilyn Ross moved to increase the compensation of the Election Administrator to the maximum amount of \$2000.00 in accordance with Section 7-4-2503(2)(d) MCA. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Jim Hart stated that he was not ready to consider an increase in Kathleen's wages. David Schulz stated that Peggy has authority to promote Lana to a deputy if she so chooses.

Building Project (Courthouse Expansion/Law and Justice Center): Sheri Jarvis, Project Information Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss the proposed building project. Roger Staley, Maintenance, was also present for this portion of the meeting. Roger presented the Board with a list of questions that he will be asking at public meetings regarding the Law and Justice Center. Sheri discussed informational packets to be passed out at the meetings and presented the Board with an extension of her contract as Information Coordinator. Jim Hart moved to approve Sheri's request for an additional sum of \$750 for continuation of the previously outlined services. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Ennis Road Closure Resolution: Stephanie Kruer, Pat Goggins, Bob Goggins, Gaither Stewart, and Nancy Stewart were present for this portion of the meeting. Stephanie Kruer, Attorney at Law, presented the Board with a proposed resolution to permanently close a portion of a county road near Ennis. Stephanie explained that a petition was filed in 1955 to close the road but because of a discrepancy in the legal description it is unclear if it was intended to close the entire road. Stephanie asked that the Board adopt the resolution which would clear up the discrepancy and close the entire length of the subject roadway, including the 216' portion lying North of the boundary of the Town of Ennis. Pat and Bob Goggins both spoke against the resolution and stated they did not want the remaining portion of the road closed because it provides access to property they own that is difficult to access from other directions. Gaither Stewart spoke in favor of the resolution. Chairman Schulz stated that the Board would like time to look at the road before taking action on the resolution.

The Board left the meeting at this point to attend the ground breaking ceremony for the new Madison Valley Hospital.

Claims: The Board approved claims.

Public Health Grant: Marilyn Ross moved to accept Task Order 08-07-6-11-031-0 to the Madison County Unified Government Master Contract that covers the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2012, Office of Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Training, between the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services and the Madison County Health Department, for the purpose of upgrading and enhancing local public health capacity to respond to emergency situations, for the period from August 31, 2007 through August 30, 2008, in the amount of \$38,354.00. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Tax Insert: The Board discussed preparing an informational news letter to be inserted with tax notices.

MACo Voting Delegate: Marilyn Ross moved to appoint David Schulz as the voting delegate for the annual MACo convention in September. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Animal Shelter Donations: After receiving requests from each shelter and support letters from concerned citizens, Marilyn Ross moved to approve a donation of \$500.00 to the Humane Society of Beaverhead County and a donation of \$500.00 to the Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter in Bozeman. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Ennis Road Crew Position: Jim Hart moved to hire Joe Bernier as a temporary road crew member for the District 3 Road Crew with a beginning wage of \$13.81. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Generator Maintenance Agreement: After a telephone discussion with Roger Staley, Maintenance, Jim Hart moved to approve a maintenance agreement with Generator Maintenance Specialists of Ten Sleep, Wyoming, for a comprehensive inspection and operational test of the emergency power supply systems at the Courthouse and both nursing homes, for the amount of \$4,274.79. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Twin Bridges Fuel Site: The Board discussed the fuel site in Twin Bridges. Marilyn Ross will check on questions regarding the cost of fuel, who supplies the fuel, and how fuel will be budgeted and billed.

Finance Department Job Descriptions: The Board discussed job descriptions prepared by the Finance Department and will further review the descriptions before taking action.

RID Resolution: Jim Hart moved to adopt Resolution 24-2007, a resolution relating to Rural Special Improvement Districts 99-01 (Jack Creek Road) and 00-02 (Crow King) and amending Resolutions 15-2001, 24-2001, and 19-2003. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

David Schulz, Chairman
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: September 11, 2007

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